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Identical letters dated 23 November 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Since the beginning of 2018, Iran has violated Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) continuously and through a variety of methods, including through the launching of ballistic missiles. I wish to bring to your attention information regarding nine ballistic missile tests conducted by Iran during the course of 2018:

1. In January 2018, Iran launched a Shahab-3 ballistic missile variant.
2. In January 2018, Iran launched a Scud ballistic missile variant.
3. In February 2018, Iran launched a Zolfaghar ballistic missile.
4. In April 2018, Iran launched a Khorramshahr ballistic missile.
5. In May 2018, Iran launched a Zolfaghar ballistic missile.
6. In May 2018, Iran launched a Shahab-3 ballistic missile variant.
7. In June 2018, Iran launched a Shahab-3 ballistic missile variant.
8. In August 2018, Iran launched a Qiam ballistic missile.
9. In August 2018 Iran launched a Zolfaghar ballistic missile.

All of these missile systems meet the Category I criteria of the Missile Technology Control Regime, as they are capable of delivering a payload of at least 500 kilograms to a range of at least 300 kilometres. As such, they are inherently capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

Iran also conducted missile operational activities and tests during this same period that do not exceed the aforementioned threshold but that still raise serious concerns.

According to our understanding, these ballistic activities constitute clear violations of Iran's obligations under article 3 of annex B to Security Council resolution 2231, in which the Council calls upon Iran "not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons".

Israel has provided the necessary evidence regarding these violations to the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs.

Iran's ballistic activities do not occur in a vacuum but instead reflect a pillar of the regime's malicious activities throughout the Middle East, especially in Syria,

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Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq and the Gaza Strip. Iran's activities pose a direct threat to Israel and to the stability of the entire region.

I call upon the Security Council to condemn Iran's repeated violations of Council resolution 2231 immediately and unequivocally.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Danny **Danon**
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Permanent Representative